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Applicant : Arun Ramamoorthy et al. Art Unit : 1797
Serial No. : 10/789,670 Examiner : Ives Wu
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Assignee : Intel Corporation
Title : IN-TOOL AND OUT-OF-TOOL PROTECTION OF EXTREME
ULTRAVIOLET (EUV) RETICLES

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Notice of Allowance Date: May 16, 2008

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed May 16, 2008, enclosed is a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b.

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant recognizes that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed.

It is agreed that the limitations recited in the Reasons for Allowance are not taught or suggested by the art of record, and that the allowed independent claim 1 is distinguished from the cited prior art for at least the reasons stated in the Reasons for Allowance. Applicant does not concede that the stated reasons are the only grounds for patentability of the allowed claims, that the limitations excluded from the Reasons for Allowance are taught or suggested by the art of record, or that all of the limitations are necessary for patentability of the allowed claims or other claims directed to the disclosed subject matter.

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In addition, each dependent claim stands on its own and is allowable on its own merits.

In particular, each dependent claim may be allowable on the basis of a combination of some of the features recited in the dependent claim and its base claim(s), which combination of features may not include all of the limitations identified in the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

Please apply the required fees in the amount of \$1,740 to our Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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